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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Durbin 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Cheri Bustos 1233 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lindsey Graham 290 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Gillibrand, Durbin, Graham and Rep. Bustos,

On behalf of <u>RALIANCE</u>, a national partnership dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation, and the 64 national, state, and local organizations signed below working in their communities every day to end sexual violence, we are writing to express our support for the Ending Forced Arbitration for Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act.

We know sexual violence thrives in secrecy, and to end sexual violence we must bring sexual assault, abuse, and misconduct into the open and support survivors in seeking justice and healing. Survivors must have access to the courts and should never be silenced. These systemic problems cannot be hidden from public view, and survivors need every option for pursuing their cases available to them.

We are grateful to you for introducing the Ending Forced Arbitration for Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act and look forward to supporting your efforts to ensure this legislation becomes law.

Sincerely,

Terri Poore, MSW Policy Director

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National Organizations:

Futures Without Violence

Jewish Women International

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline

National Network to End Domestic Violence

RAINN

Sexual Violence Prevention Association

State and Local Organizations:

Colorado:

Family Violence Law Center

Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center

Florida:

Florida Council Against Sexual Violence

lowa:

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA)

Illinois:

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

WIRC-CAA, Victim Services

Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services

Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service

Mujeres Latinas en Accion

VOICES of Stephenson County

Safe Journeys

Illinois Accountability Initiative

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Kentucky:

Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs

Louisiana:

Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) Center

Massachusetts:

Sexual Violence Prevention Association

Maryland:

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Minnesota:

Someplace Safe

Missouri:

MOCSA

NO ABUSE, NO VIOLENCE

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)

North Carolina:

NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault

NC Stop Human Trafficking

Nebraska:

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Women's Fund of Omaha

New Hampshire:

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

New Jersey:

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA)

Nevada:

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

New York:

New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Ohio:

A.L.I.V.E. Inc.

Crime Victim Services

Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

The Nord Center

RCDV Safe Haven

Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program

Tri-County Help Center, Inc.

Women Helping Women

Oregon:

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Pennsylvania:

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

South Carolina:

Tri County S.P.E.A.K.S.

Texas:

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Washington:

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

Wisconsin:

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County, Inc.

West Virginia:

West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

UOV SEXUAL ASSAULT HELP CENTER INC

Women's Resource Center

Rape Crisis Center